

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No. 17936 (AT 20958-2089)

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare, of my own knowledge or on information and belief, that:

My residence, post office address and country of citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I am the original, first and sole inventor, if only one inventor is identified below, or an original, first and joint inventor, if more than one inventor is identified below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought and which is entitled:

SOCKET CONNECTOR CARRYING FLEXIBLE CONTACTS

and which is described and claimed:

 x in the attached application including specification and claims if this line is marked, or
 in the original specification and claims filed on as U.S. Patent Application Number or PCT International Application Number .

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification and the claims;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of the application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56(a). The text of 37 CFR §1.56(a) states,

"A patent by its very nature is affected with a public interest. The public interest is best served, and the most effective patent examination occurs when, at the time an application is being examined, the Office is aware of and evaluates the teachings of all information material to patentability. Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section. The duty

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Provisional Application No.:
Filing Date:

This application is a continuation pursuant to 35 USC §120 of each prior application (if any is identified) identified as follows:

U.S. Serial No.:
U.S. Filing Date: _____ Status:

This application is a continuation-in-part pursuant to 35 USC §120 of each prior application (if any is identified) identified as follows:

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in 37 CFR §1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I claim foreign priority, pursuant to 35 USC §119(a)-(d) of an application for patent or inventor's certificate, and identify below said application (if any is identified) and any such foreign application (if any is identified) having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed;

Application No: _____ Country:
Filing Date:

I hereby declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and I am warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, (18 USC §1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

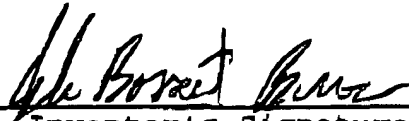
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